

## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

## Federal Housing Finance Agency

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By Electronic Mail: 74302-67090049@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your June 05, 2019 request made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, in which you requested:

Copies of records mentioning or describing audits, reviews, investigations or reports regarding the agency's cyber security, including audits or investigations regarding the state of the agency's cyber security regarding potential attacks as well as audits and investigations conducted in the wake of a suspected or actual cyber attack, hacking incident or breach. Please include materials generated between 1 January 1996 and 30 June 2016. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/1996 To 6/30/2016)

For tracking purposes, your request number is 2019-FOIA-00013. FHFA-OIG has determined that you are a(n) (News Media) requester. *See* 12 C.F.R. § 1202.11(b). You may be charged FOIA processing fees in accordance with FHFA's FOIA Fee Schedule which can be found on FHFA's website at <a href="http://www.fhfa.gov/AboutUs/FOIAPrivacy/Pages/FOIA-Reference-Guide.aspx">http://www.fhfa.gov/AboutUs/FOIAPrivacy/Pages/FOIA-Reference-Guide.aspx</a>.

Your request was received by the Federal Housing Finance Agency's Office of Inspector General (FHFAOIG) on June 05, 2019. On June 18, 2019, the FOIA office sent you an email explaining that our preliminary search indicated that there may be upwards of 20,000 pages of material that is potentially responsive to your request (i.e., any audit, review, investigation, or report records we have concerning FHFA's own cyber security from 2010 until 2016) and asking that you consider narrowing the scope of your request in an effort to avoid placement on the Complex track. To date, we have not heard back from you.

The estimated number of records potentially responsive to your request appears to be voluminous; appears to involve two or more FHFA or FHFA-OIG units; appears likely to require consultation with other agencies or entities; may require searches of archived documents; appears to seek confidential commercial information as described in §1202.8; appears to require an unusually high level of effort to search for, review and/or duplicate records; and may cause undue disruption to the day-to-day activities of FHFA-OIG carrying out its statutory responsibilities. *See* 12 C.F.R. § 1202.7(b)(2). As a result, FHFA-OIG has placed your FOIA request on the Complex track, in the order in which it was received.

Currently, there are 16 requests on the Complex Track. After FHFA-OIG has completed its review of these 16 first-in-time FOIA requests, it will turn its attention to your request. We will contact you with information concerning the volume of records that are potentially responsive to your request. FHFA-OIG

will process your request continually while maintaining the current status of Standard Track requests and will release records responsive to your request on a monthly rolling basis.

If you have any questions concerning your request, please contact me at (202) 730-0399 or at FOIA@fhfaoig.gov.

Sincerely,

Sheila Peden

Acting FOIA Officer

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